

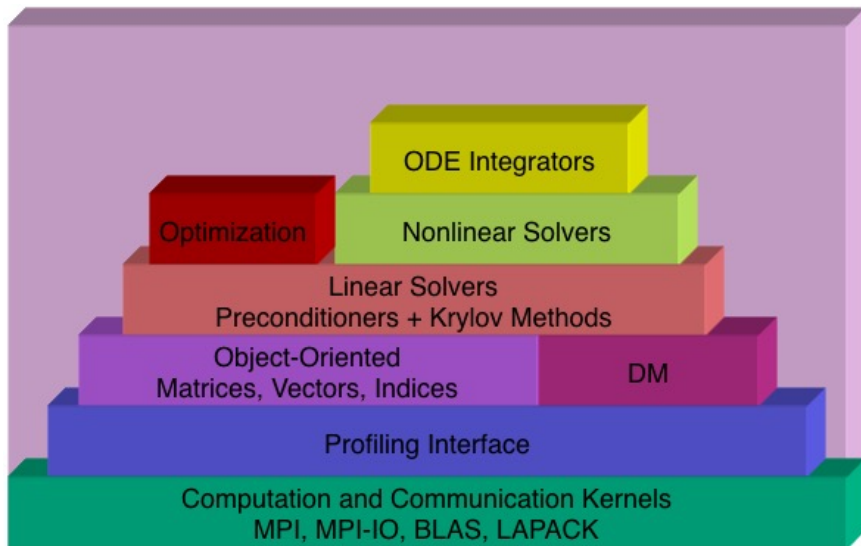
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- Introduction of tutors
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- Material to be presented
 - DAE/ODE integrators
 - Vectors and matrices
 - Linear preconditioners
 - Nonlinear solvers
 - Understanding performance

PETSc Structure



Valgrind is a debugging framework

- **Memcheck:** Check for memory overwrite and illegal use
- **Callgrind:** Generate call graphs
- **Cachegrind:** Monitor cache usage
- **Helgrind:** Check for race conditions
- **Massif:** Monitor memory usage

Memcheck will catch

- Illegal reads and writes to memory
- Uninitialized values
- Illegal frees
- Overlapping copies
- Memory leaks

Interacting with the Debugger

- Launch the debugger
 - `-start_in_debugger [gdb,dbx,noxterm]`
 - `-on_error_attach_debugger [gdb,dbx,noxterm]`
- Attach the debugger only to some parallel processes
 - `-debugger_nodes 0,1`
- Set the display (often necessary on a cluster)
 - `-display khan.mcs.anl.gov:0.0`

Interacting with the Debugger

```
$ ./ex6 -start_in_debugger noxterm,lldb
[0]PETSC ERROR: PETSC: Attaching lldb to ./ex6 of pid 7432
Process 7432 stopped
    frame 0: 0x00007ffff8d94b48a libsystem_kernel.dylib`__se
libsystem_kernel.dylib`__semwait_signal:
-> 0x7ffff8d94b48a <+10>: jae      0x7ffff8d94b494
    0x7ffff8d94b48c <+12>: movq    %rax, %rdi
    0x7ffff8d94b48f <+15>: jmp     0x7ffff8d946c78
    0x7ffff8d94b494 <+20>: retq
(lldb) c
Process 7432 resuming
(lldb)
Process 7432 stopped
    frame 0: 0x0000000102ecbb80 ex6`main(argc=3, args=0x000
71      ierr = PetscBinaryRead(fd,avec,sz,PETSC_SCALAR);C
-> 72      avec[100000000] = 23;
73      ierr = VecRestoreArray(vec,&avec);CHKERRQ(ierr);
(lldb)
```

Time integration in PETSc

- ODE forms supported

$$G(t, x, \dot{x}) = F(t, x)$$

$$J_{\alpha} = \alpha G_{\dot{x}} + G_x \text{ or}$$

$$M(t) \dot{x} = F(t, x)$$

$$J_{\alpha} = \alpha M \text{ or}$$

$$\dot{x} = F(t, x)$$

- User provides:

- `FormRHSFunction(ts, t, x, F, void *ctx);`
- `FormIFunction(ts, t, x, \dot{x} , G, void *ctx);`
- `FormIJacobian(ts, t, x, \dot{x} , α , J, Jp, void *ctx);`

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 - **Very expensive non-stiff residual evaluation**
 - **Non-stiff components are non-smooth.**
 - TVD limiters for monotone transport
 - Phase change

IMEX time integration in PETSc

- Can have L -stable DIRK for stiff part G , SSP explicit part, etc.
- Orders 2 through 5, embedded error estimates
- Dense output, hot starts for Newton
- More accurate methods if G is linear, also Rosenbrock-W
- Can use preconditioner from classical “semi-implicit” methods
- FAS nonlinear solves supported
- Extensible adaptive controllers, can change order within a family
- Easy to register new methods: `TSARKIMEXRegister()`
- Single step interface so user can have own time loop
- Same interface for Extrapolation IMEX

Some TS methods

TSSSPRK104 10-stage, fourth order, low-storage, optimal explicit SSP Runge-Kutta $c_{\text{eff}} = 0.6$ (Ketcheson 2008)

TSARKIMEX2E second order, one explicit and two implicit stages, L -stable, optimal (Constantinescu)

TSARKIMEX3 (and 4 and 5), L -stable (Kennedy and Carpenter, 2003)

TSROSWRA3PW three stage, third order, for index-1 PDAE, A -stable, $R(\infty) = 0.73$, second order strongly A -stable embedded method (Rang and Angermann, 2005)

TSROSWRA34PW2 four stage, third order, L -stable, for index 1 PDAE, second order strongly A -stable embedded method (Rang and Angermann, 2005)

TSROSWLLSSP3P4S2C four stage, third order, L -stable implicit, SSP explicit, L -stable embedded method (Constantinescu)

- 1D nonlinear hyperbolic conservation laws

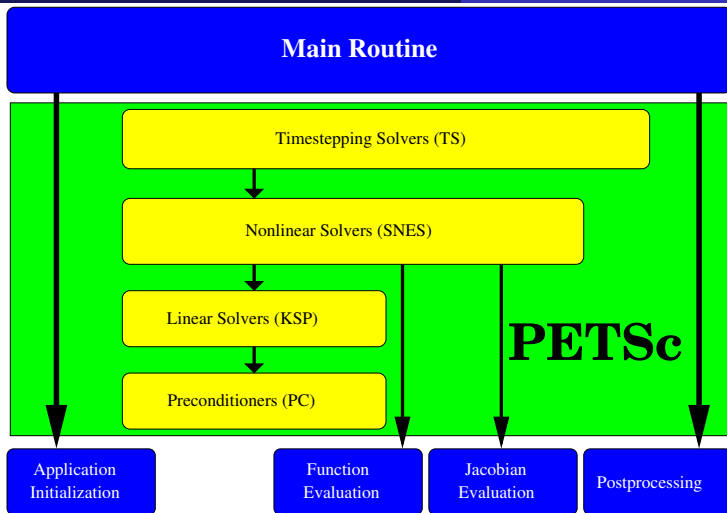
- `src/ts/examples/tutorials/ex9.c`
- `./ex9 -da_grid_x 100 -initial 1 -physics shallow -limit minmod -ts_ssp_type rks2 -ts_ssp_nstages 8 -ts_monitor_draw_solution`

- Stiff linear advection-reaction test problem

- `src/ts/examples/tutorials/ex22.c`
- `./ex22 -da_grid_x 200 -ts_monitor_draw_solution -ts_type rosw -ts_rosw_type ra34pw2 -ts_adapt_monitor`

- 1D Brusselator (reaction-diffusion)

- `src/ts/examples/tutorials/ex25.c`
- `./ex25 -da_grid_x 40 -ts_monitor_draw_solution -ts_type rosw -ts_rosw_type 2p -ts_adapt_monitor`



- IGA used to evaluate nonlinear residuals
- PETSc DA used to manage parallelism.
- Adaptive time integration using method of lines.
 - Generalized α method from PETSc TS.

The PETSc Programming Model

- Goals

- Portable, runs everywhere
- High performance
- Scalable parallelism

- Approach

- Distributed memory (“shared-nothing”)
- No special compiler
- Access to data on remote machines through MPI
- Hide within objects the details of the communication
- User orchestrates communication at a higher abstract level

Numerical libraries should interact at a higher level than MPI

- MPI coordinates data movement and synchronization for data parallel applications
- Numerical libraries should coordinate access to a given data structure
 - MPI can handle data parallelism and something else (runtime engine) handle task parallelism (van de Geijn, Strout, Demmel)
 - Algorithm should be data structure neutral, but its main operation is still to structure access

Collectivity

- MPI communicators (`MPI_Comm`) specify collectivity
 - Processes involved in a computation
- Constructors are collective over a communicator
 - `VecCreate(MPI_Comm comm, Vec *x)`
 - Use `PETSC_COMM_WORLD` for all processes and `PETSC_COMM_SELF` for one
- Some operations are collective, while others are not
 - collective: `VecNorm()`
 - not collective: `VecGetLocalSize()`
- Sequences of collective calls must be in the same order on each process

Initialization

- Call `PetscInitialize()`
 - Setup static data and services
 - Setup MPI if it is not already
 - Can set `PETSC_COMM_WORLD` to use your communicator (can always use subcommunicators for each object)
- Call `PetscFinalize()`
 - Calculates logging summary
 - Can check for leaks/unused options
 - Shutdown and release resources
- Can only initialize PETSc once

A PETSc Vec

- Supports all vector space operations
 - `VecDot()`, `VecNorm()`, `VecScale()`
- Has a direct interface to the values
 - `VecGetArray()`, `VecGetArrayF90()`
- Has unusual operations
 - `VecSqrtAbs()`, `VecStrideGather()`
- Communicates automatically during assembly
- Has customizable communication (**VecScatter**)

Object-Oriented Design

- Design based on **operations** you perform,
 - rather than the data in the object
- Example: A vector is
 - **not** a 1d array of numbers
 - **an object** allowing addition and scalar multiplication
- The efficient use of the computer is an added difficulty
 - which often leads to code generation

What are PETSc vectors?

- Fundamental objects representing field solutions, right-hand sides, etc.
- Each process locally owns a subvector of contiguous global data

How do I create vectors?

- `VecCreate(MPI_Comm, Vec *)`
- `VecSetSizes(Vec, int n, int N)`
- `VecSetType(Vec, VecType typeName)`
- `VecSetFromOptions(Vec)`
 - Can set the type at runtime

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Parallel Assembly

Vectors and Matrices

- Processes may set an arbitrary entry
 - Must use proper interface
- Entries need not be generated locally
 - Local meaning the process on which they are stored
- PETSc automatically moves data if necessary
 - Happens during the assembly phase

Vector Assembly

- A three step process
 - Each process sets or adds values
 - Begin communication to send values to the correct process
 - Complete the communication
- `VecSetValues(Vec v, int n, int rows[], PetscScalar values[], mode)`
 - `mode` is either `INSERT_VALUES` or `ADD_VALUES`
- Two phase assembly allows overlap of communication and computation
 - `VecAssemblyBegin(Vec v)`
 - `VecAssemblyEnd(Vec v)`

One Way to Set the Elements of a Vector

```
VecGetSize(x, &N);  
MPI_Comm_rank(PETSC_COMM_WORLD, &rank);  
if (rank == 0) {  
    for(i = 0, val = 0.0; i < N; i++, val += 10.0) {  
        VecSetValues(x, 1, &i, &val, INSERT_VALUES);  
    }  
}  
/* These routines ensure that the data is distributed  
to the other processes */  
VecAssemblyBegin(x);  
VecAssemblyEnd(x);
```

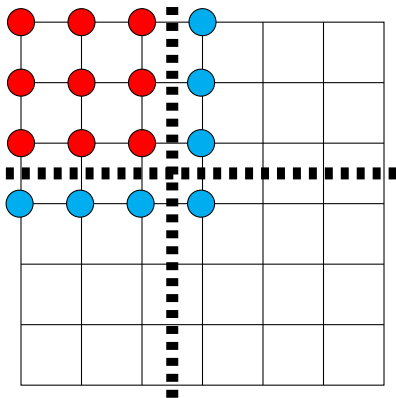
A Better Way to Set the Elements of a Vector

```
VecGetOwnershipRange(x, &low, &high);  
for(i = low, val = low*10.0; i < high; i++, val += 10.0)  
{  
    VecSetValues(x, 1, &i, &val, INSERT_VALUES);  
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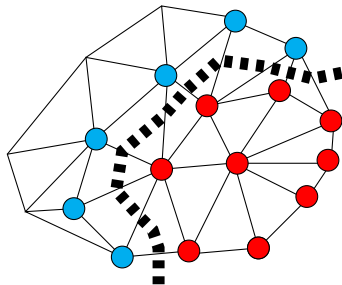
Ghost Values

To evaluate a local function $f(x)$, each process requires

- its local portion of the vector x
- its **ghost values**, bordering portions of x owned by neighboring processes



- Local Node
- Ghost Node



Working With Local Vectors

It is sometimes more efficient to directly access local storage of a `Vec`.

- PETSc allows you to access the local storage with
 - `VecGetArray(Vec, double *[])`
- You must return the array to PETSc when you finish
 - `VecRestoreArray(Vec, double *[])`
- Allows PETSc to handle data structure conversions
 - Commonly, these routines are inexpensive and do not involve a copy

VecGetArray in C

```
Vec v;  
PetscScalar *array;  
PetscInt n, i;  
PetscErrorCode ierr;  
  
VecGetArray(v, &array);  
VecGetLocalSize(v, &n);  
PetscSynchronizedPrintf(PETSC_COMM_WORLD,  
    "First element of local array is %f\n", array[0]);  
PetscSynchronizedFlush(PETSC_COMM_WORLD);  
for(i = 0; i < n; i++) {  
    array[i] += (PetscScalar) rank;  
}  
VecRestoreArray(v, &array);
```

VecGetArray in F77

```
#include "finclude/petsc.h"
#include "finclude/petscvec.h"
Vec v;
PetscScalar array(1)
PetscOffset offset
PetscInt n, i
PetscErrorCode ierr

call VecGetArray(v, array, offset, ierr)
call VecGetLocalSize(v, n, ierr)
do i=1,n
    array(i+offset) = array(i+offset) + rank
end do
call VecRestoreArray(v, array, offset, ierr)
```

VecGetArray in F90

```
#include "finclude/petsc.h"
#include "finclude/petscvec.h"
#include "finclude/petscvec.h90"
Vec v;
PetscScalar pointer :: array(:)
PetscInt n, i
PetscErrorCode ierr

call VecGetArrayF90(v, array, ierr)
call VecGetLocalSize(v, n, ierr)
do i=1,n
    array(i) = array(i) + rank
end do
call VecRestoreArrayF90(v, array, ierr)
```


Selected Vector Operations

Function Name	Operation
VecAXPY(Vec y, PetscScalar a, Vec x)	$y = y + a * x$
VecAYPX(Vec y, PetscScalar a, Vec x)	$y = x + a * y$
VecWAYPX(Vec w, PetscScalar a, Vec x, Vec y)	$w = y + a * x$
VecScale(Vec x, PetscScalar a)	$x = a * x$
VecCopy(Vec y, Vec x)	$y = x$
VecPointwiseMult(Vec w, Vec x, Vec y)	$w_i = x_i * y_i$
VecMax(Vec x, PetscInt *idx, PetscScalar *r)	$r = \max r_i$
VecShift(Vec x, PetscScalar r)	$x_i = x_i + r$
VecAbs(Vec x)	$x_i = x_i $
VecNorm(Vec x, NormType type, PetscReal *r)	$r = x $

What is a DM?

- Interface for linear algebra to talk to grids
- Defines (topological part of) a finite-dimensional function space
 - Get an element from this space: `DMCreateGlobalVector()`
- Provides parallel layout
- Refinement and coarsening
 - `DMRefine()`, `DMCoarsen()`
- Ghost value coherence
 - `DMGlobalToLocalBegin()`
- Matrix preallocation:
 - `DMCreateMatrix()` (formerly `DMGetMatrix()`)

Topology Abstractions

- DMDA
 - Abstracts Cartesian grids in 1, 2, or 3 dimension
 - Supports stencils, communication, reordering
 - Nice for simple finite differences
- DMPLEX
 - Abstracts general topology in any dimension
 - Also supports partitioning, distribution, and global orders
 - Allows arbitrary element shapes and discretizations
- DMCOMPOSITE
 - Composition of two or more DMs
- DMNetwork - for discrete networks like power grids and circuits
- DMMoab - interface to the MOAB unstructured mesh library

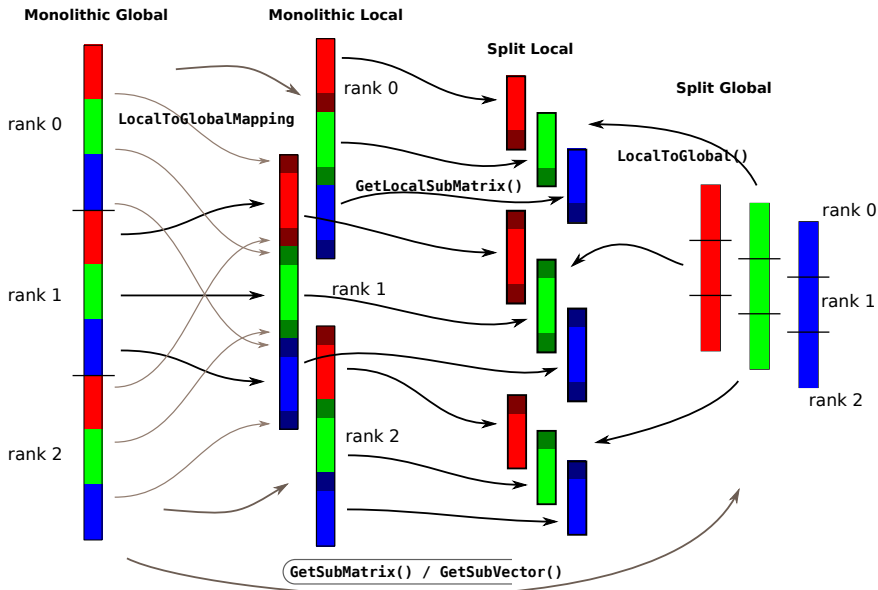
- The DM object contains only layout (topology) information
 - All field data is contained in PETSc **Vecs**
- Global vectors are parallel
 - Each process stores a unique local portion
 - `DMCreateGlobalVector(DM da, Vec *gvec)`
- Local vectors are sequential (and usually temporary)
 - Each process stores its local portion plus ghost values
 - `DMCreateLocalVector(DM da, Vec *lvec)`
 - includes ghost values!

Updating Ghosts

Two-step process enables overlapping computation and communication

- `DMGlobalToLocalBegin(dm, gvec, mode, lvec)`
 - `gvec` provides the data
 - `mode` is either `INSERT_VALUES` or `ADD_VALUES`
 - `lvec` holds the local and ghost values
- `DMGlobalToLocalEnd(dm, gvec, mode, lvec)`
 - Finishes the communication

The process can be reversed with `DMLocalToGlobalBegin()` and `DMLocalToGlobalEnd()`.



Work in Split Local space, matrix data structures reside in any space.

What is a DMDA?

DMDA is a topology interface handling parallel data layout on structured grids

- Handles local and global indices
 - `DMDAGetGlobalIndices()` and `DMDAGetAO()`
- Provides local and global vectors
 - `DMGetGlobalVector()` and `DMGetLocalVector()`
- Handles ghost values coherence
 - `DMGetGlobalToLocal()` and `DMGetLocalToGlobal()`

DMDA Global vs. Local Numbering

- **Global:** Each vertex has a unique id belongs on a unique process
- **Local:** Numbering includes vertices from neighboring processes
 - These are called **ghost** vertices

Proc 2			Proc 3	
X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X
12	13	14	15	X
8	9	10	11	X
4	5	6	7	X
0	1	2	3	X
Proc 0			Proc 1	

Local numbering

Proc 2			Proc 3	
21	22	23	28	29
18	19	20	26	27
15	16	17	24	25
6	7	8	13	14
3	4	5	11	12
0	1	2	9	10
Proc 0			Proc 1	

Global numbering

Creating a DADM

```
DMDACreate2d(comm, bdX, bdY, type, M, N, m, n, dof, s, lm[], ln[], DMDA *
```

bd: Specifies boundary behavior

- DMDA_BOUNDARY_NONE, DMDA_BOUNDARY_GHOSTED, or DMDA_BOUNDARY_PERIODIC

type: Specifies stencil

- DA_STENCIL_BOX or DA_STENCIL_STAR

M/N: Number of grid points in x/y-direction

m/n: Number of processes in x/y-direction

dof: Degrees of freedom per node

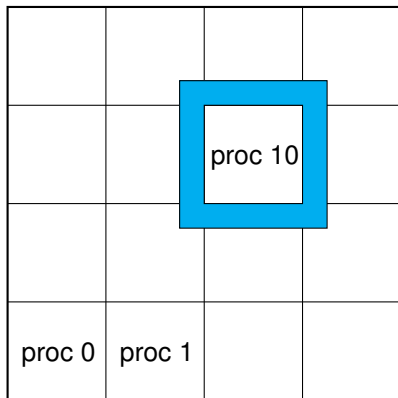
s: The stencil width

lm/n: Alternative array of local sizes

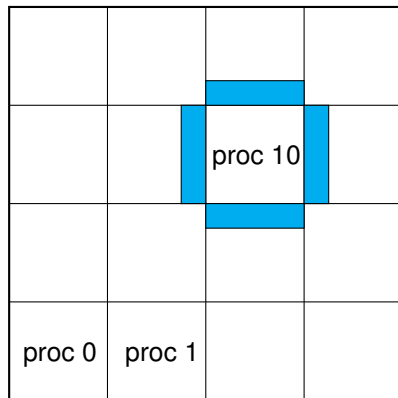
- Use PETSC_NULL for the default

DMDA Stencils

Both the **box** stencil and **star** stencil are available.



Box Stencil



Star Stencil

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- `MatCreate(MPI_Comm, Mat *)`
- `MatSetSizes(Mat, int m, int n, int M, int N)`
- `MatSetType(Mat, MatType typeName)`
- `MatSetFromOptions(Mat)`
 - Can set the type at runtime
- `MatMPIBAIJSetPreallocation(Mat, ...)`
 - important for assembly performance, more tomorrow
- `MatSetBlockSize(Mat, int bs)`
 - for vector problems
- `MatSetValues(Mat, ...)`
 - **MUST** be used, but does automatic communication
 - `MatSetValuesLocal()`, `MatSetValuesStencil()`
 - `MatSetValuesBlocked()`

Matrix Storage Layout

- Each process locally owns a submatrix of contiguous global rows
- Each submatrix consists of diagonal and off-diagonal parts



- `MatGetOwnershipRange(Mat A, int *start, int *end)`
`start`: first locally owned row of global matrix
`end-1`: last locally owned row of global matrix

Matrix Assembly

- A three step process
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 - Begin communication to send values to the correct process
 - Complete the communication
- `MatSetValues(Mat A, m, rows[], n, cols[], values[], mode)`
 - `mode` is either `INSERT_VALUES` or `ADD_VALUES`
 - Logically dense block of values
- Two phase assembly allows overlap of communication and computation
 - `MatAssemblyBegin(Mat m, type)`
 - `MatAssemblyEnd(Mat m, type)`
 - `type` is either `MAT_FLUSH_ASSEMBLY` or `MAT_FINAL_ASSEMBLY`

- For vector problems

```
MatSetValuesBlocked(Mat A, m, rows[],  
                    n, cols[], values[], mode)
```

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One Way to Set the Elements of a Matrix

Simple 3-point stencil for 1D Laplacian

```
v[0] = -1.0; v[1] = 2.0; v[2] = -1.0;
if (rank == 0) {
    for(row = 0; row < N; row++) {
        cols[0] = row-1; cols[1] = row; cols[2] = row+1;
        if (row == 0) {
            MatSetValues(A,1,&row,2,&cols[1],&v[1],INSERT_VALUES)
        } else if (row == N-1) {
            MatSetValues(A,1,&row,2,cols,v,INSERT_VALUES);
        } else {
            MatSetValues(A,1,&row,3,cols,v,INSERT_VALUES);
        }
    }
}
MatAssemblyBegin(A,MAT_FINAL_ASSEMBLY);
MatAssemblyEnd(A,MAT_FINAL_ASSEMBLY);
```

A Better Way to Set the Elements of a Matrix

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    }
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Matrix Memory Preallocation

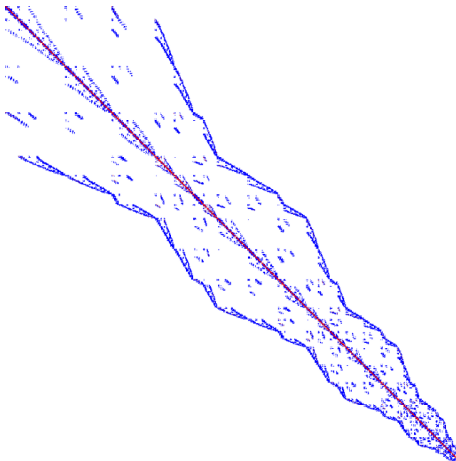
- PETSc sparse matrices are dynamic data structures
 - can add additional nonzeros freely
- Dynamically adding many nonzeros
 - requires additional memory allocations
 - requires copies
 - can kill performance
- Memory preallocation provides
 - the freedom of dynamic data structures
 - good performance
- Easiest solution is to replicate the assembly code
 - Remove computation, but preserve the indexing code
 - Store set of columns for each row
- Call preallocation routines for all datatypes
 - `MatSeqAIJSetPreallocation()`
 - `MatMPIBAIJSetPreallocation()`
 - Only the relevant data will be used

Sequential Sparse Matrices

`MatSeqAIJSetPreallocation(Mat A, int nz, int nnz[])`

`nz`: expected number of nonzeros in any row

`nnz(i)`: expected number of nonzeros in row i



Parallel Sparse Matrices

```
MatMPIAIJSetPreallocation(Mat A, int dnz, int  
    dnnz[],  
        int onz, int onnz[])
```

dnz: expected number of nonzeros in any row in the diagonal block

dnnz(i): expected number of nonzeros in row i in the diagonal block

onz: expected number of nonzeros in any row in the offdiagonal portion

onnz(i): expected number of nonzeros in row i in the offdiagonal portion

Verifying Preallocation

- Use runtime options

- mat_new_nonzero_location_err
 - mat_new_nonzero_allocation_err

- Use runtime option -info

- Output:

```
[proc #] Matrix size:  %d X %d; storage space:
%d unneeded, %d used
[proc #] Number of mallocs during MatSetValues( )
is %d
```

```
[merlin] mpirun ex2 -log_info
[0]MatAssemblyEnd_SeqAIJ:Matrix size: 56 X 56; storage space:
[0] 310 unneeded, 250 used
[0]MatAssemblyEnd_SeqAIJ:Number of mallocs during MatSetValues() is 0
[0]MatAssemblyEnd_SeqAIJ:Most nonzeros in any row is 5
[0]Mat_AIJ_CheckInode: Found 56 nodes out of 56 rows. Not using Inode routine
[0]Mat_AIJ_CheckInode: Found 56 nodes out of 56 rows. Not using Inode routine
Norm of error 0.000156044 iterations 6
[0]PetscFinalize:PETSc successfully ended!
```

Matrix Polymorphism

The PETSc `Mat` has a single user interface,

- Matrix assembly
 - `MatSetValues()`
- Matrix-vector multiplication
 - `MatMult()`
- Matrix viewing
 - `MatView()`

but multiple underlying implementations.

- AIJ, Block AIJ, Symmetric Block AIJ,
- Dense, Elemental
- Matrix-Free
- etc.

A matrix is defined by its **interface**, not by its **data structure**.

Block and symmetric formats

- BAIJ
 - Like AIJ, but uses static block size
 - Preallocation is like AIJ, but just one index per block
- SBAIJ
 - Only stores upper triangular part
 - Preallocation needs number of nonzeros in upper triangular parts of on- and off-diagonal blocks
- `MatSetValuesBlocked()`
 - Better performance with blocked formats
 - Also works with scalar formats, if `MatSetBlockSize()` was called
 - Variants `MatSetValuesBlockedLocal()`,
`MatSetValuesBlockedStencil()`
 - Change matrix format at runtime, don't need to touch assembly code

Performance of blocked matrix formats

Kernel \ Format	Core 2, 1 process			Opteron, 4 processes		
	AIJ	BAIJ	SBAIJ	AIJ	BAIJ	SBAIJ
MatMult	812	985	1507	2226	2918	3119
MatSolve	718	957	955	1573	2869	2858

Throughput (Mflop/s) for different matrix formats on Core 2 Duo (P8700) and Opteron 2356 (two sockets). `MatSolve` is a forward- and back-solve with incomplete Cholesky factors. The AIJ format is using “inodes” which unrolls across consecutive rows with identical nonzero pattern (pairs in this case).

Objects

```
Mat A;  
PetscInt m,n,M,N;  
MatCreate(comm,&A);  
MatSetSizes(A,m,n,M,N);          /* or PETSC_DECIDE */  
MatSetOptionsPrefix(A,"foo_");  
MatSetFromOptions(A);  
/* Use A */  
MatView(A,PETSC_VIEWER_DRAW_WORLD);  
MatDestroy(A);
```

- Mat is an opaque object (pointer to incomplete type)
 - Assignment, comparison, etc, are cheap
- What's up with this "Options" stuff?
 - Allows the type to be determined at runtime: `-foo_mat_type sbaij`
 - Inversion of Control similar to "service locator", related to "dependency injection"
 - Other options (performance and semantics) can be changed at

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Why Are PETSc Matrices That Way?

- No one data structure is appropriate for all problems
 - Blocked and diagonal formats provide significant performance benefits
 - PETSc has many formats and makes it easy to add new data structures
- Assembly is difficult enough without worrying about partitioning
 - PETSc provides parallel assembly routines
 - Achieving high performance still requires making most operations local
 - However, programs can be incrementally developed.
 - `MatPartitioning` and `MatOrdering` can help
- Matrix decomposition in contiguous chunks is simple
 - Makes interoperation with other codes easier
 - For other ordering, PETSc provides “Application Orderings” (AO)

MatGetLocalSubMatrix() spaces

- Newton method for $F(x) = 0$ solves

$$J(x)\delta x = -F(x)$$
$$J = \begin{pmatrix} J_{aa} & J_{ab} & J_{ac} \\ J_{ba} & J_{bb} & J_{bc} \\ J_{ca} & J_{cb} & J_{cc} \end{pmatrix}.$$

- Conceptually, there are three spaces in parallel
 - V “monolithic” globally assembled space
 - V_i “split” global space for a single physics i
 - \overline{V}_i Local space (with ghosts) for a single physics i
 - $\overline{V} \prod_i \overline{V}_i$ Concatenation of all single-physics local spaces
- Different components need different relationships

$V_i \rightarrow V$ field-split

$\overline{V} \rightarrow V$ coupled Neumann domain decomposition methods

\overline{V}_i natural language for modular residual evaluation and assembly

```
MatGetLocalSubMatrix(Mat A, IS rows, IS cols, Mat *B);
```

- Primarily for assembly
 - B is not guaranteed to implement `MatMult`
 - The communicator for B is not specified, only safe to use non-collective ops (unless you check)
- IS represents an index set, includes a block size and communicator
- `MatSetValuesBlockedLocal()` is implemented
- `MatNest` returns nested submatrix, no-copy
- No-copy for Neumann-Neumann formats (unassembled across procs, e.g. BDDC, FETI-DP)
- Most other matrices return a lightweight proxy `Mat`
 - `COMM_SELF`
 - Values not copied, does not implement `MatMult`
 - Translates indices to the language of the parent matrix
 - Multiple levels of nesting are flattened

Spaces

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- Multiple physics $x = [x_a, x_b, x_c]$
 - I_i Map indices from V_i to V .
 - R_i Global physics restriction $R_i : V \rightarrow V_i$
$$R_i x = x[I_i] = x_i$$
 - \bar{I}_i Map indices from \bar{V}_i to V_i
 - \bar{R}_i Extract local single-physics part from global single-physics
$$\bar{R}_i x_i = x_i[\bar{I}_i] = \bar{x}_i$$
 - \tilde{I}_i Map indices from \bar{V}_i to \bar{V}

- Globally assembled coupled matrix in terms of assembled single-physics blocks

$$J = \sum_{ij} R_i^T J_{ij} R_j$$

- Language of Schwarz and fieldsplit
- Assembled single-physics blocks in terms of local single-physics matrices

$$J_{ij} = \overline{R}_i^T \overline{J}_{ij} \overline{R}_j$$

- Language of assembly and Neumann/FETI domain decomposition
- MatSetValuesLocal()

Setting Values on Regular Grids

PETSc provides

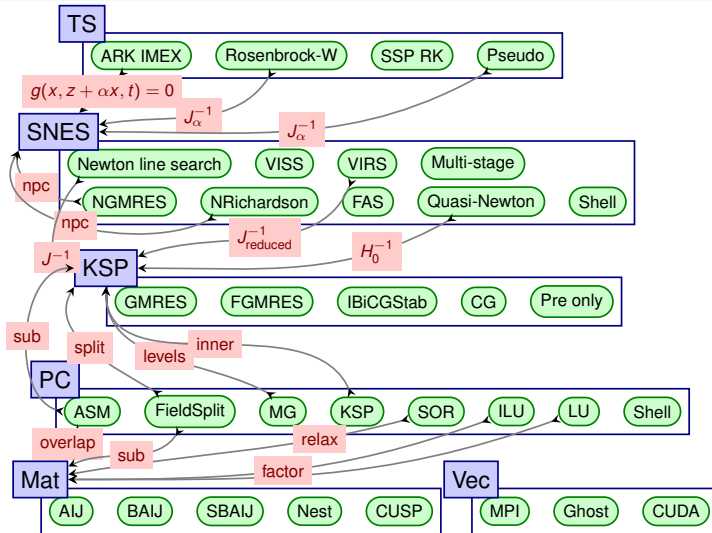
```
MatSetValuesStencil(Mat A, m, MatStencil idxm[], n, MatStencil idxn[],  
                  PetscScalar values[], InsertMode mode)
```

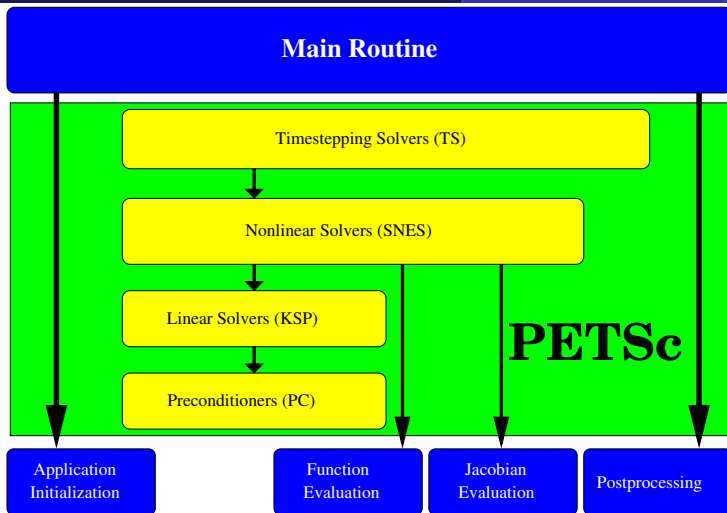
- Each row or column is actually a `MatStencil`
 - This specifies grid coordinates and a component if necessary
 - Can imagine for unstructured grids, they are *vertices*
- The values are the same logically dense block in row/col

DMDA matrices

- `DMCreateMatrix(DM da, Mat *A)`
- Evaluate only the local portion
 - No nice local array form without copies
- Use `MatSetValuesStencil()` to convert (i, j, k) to indices
- `make NP=2 EXTRA_ARGS="-run test -da_grid_x 10 -da_grid_y 10 -mat_view_draw -draw_pause -1" runbratu`
- `make NP=2 EXTRA_ARGS="-run test -dim 3 -da_grid_x 5 -da_grid_y 5 -da_grid_z 5 -mat_view_draw -draw_pause -1" runbratu`

Interactions among composable linear, nonlinear, and timestepping solvers





- IGA used to evaluate nonlinear residuals
- PETSc DA used to manage parallelism.
- Adaptive time integration using method of lines.
 - Generalized α method from PETSc TS.

Nonlinear solvers in PETSc SNES

LS, TR Newton-type with line search and trust region

NRichardson Nonlinear Richardson, usually preconditioned

VIRS, VIRSAUG, and VISS reduced space and semi-smooth methods for variational inequalities

QN Quasi-Newton methods like BFGS

NGMRES Nonlinear GMRES

NCG Nonlinear Conjugate Gradients

SORQN SOR quasi-Newton

GS Nonlinear Gauss-Seidel sweeps

FAS Full approximation scheme (nonlinear multigrid)

MS Multi-stage smoothers, often used with FAS for hyperbolic problems

Shell Your method, often used as a (nonlinear) preconditioner

Basic Solver Usage

We will illustrate basic solver usage with `SNES`.

- Use `SNESSetFromOptions()` so that everything is set dynamically
 - Use `-snes_type` to set the type or take the default
- Override the tolerances
 - Use `-snes_rtol` and `-snes_atol`
- View the solver to make sure you have the one you expect
 - Use `-snes_view`
- For debugging, monitor the residual decrease
 - Use `-snes_monitor`
 - Use `-ksp_monitor` to see the underlying linear solver

Newton iteration: workhorse of SNES

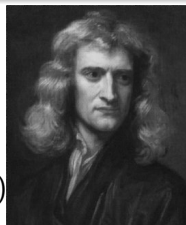
- Standard form of a nonlinear system

$$F(u) = 0$$

- Iteration

$$\text{Solve: } J(u)w = -F(u)$$

$$\text{Update: } u^+ \leftarrow u + w$$



- Quadratically convergent near a root:

$$|u^{n+1} - u^*| \in \mathcal{O}(|u^n - u^*|^2)$$

- Picard is the same operation with a different $J(u)$

Example (Nonlinear Poisson)

$$F(u) = 0 \quad \sim \quad -\nabla \cdot [(1 + u^2)\nabla u] - f = 0$$

$$J(u)w \quad \sim \quad -\nabla \cdot [(1 + u^2)\nabla w + 2uw\nabla u]$$

SNES Paradigm

The SNES interface is based upon callback functions

- `FormFunction()`, **set by** `SNESSetFunction()`
- `FormJacobian()`, **set by** `SNESSetJacobian()`

When PETSc needs to evaluate the nonlinear residual $F(x)$,

- Solver calls the **user's** function
- User function gets application state through the `ctx` variable
 - PETSc never sees application data

Nonlinear Solvers

Newton and Picard Methods

- Using PETSc linear algebra, just add:
 - `SNESSetFunction(SNES snes, Vec r, residualFunc, void *ctx)`
 - `SNESSetJacobian(SNES snes, Mat A, Mat M, jacFunc, void *ctx)`
 - `SNESSolve(SNES snes, Vec b, Vec x)`
- Can access subobjects
 - `SNESGetKSP(SNES snes, KSP *ksp)`
- Can customize subobjects from the cmd line
 - Set the subdomain preconditioner to ILU with `-sub_pc_type ilu`

SNES Function

The user provided function which calculates the nonlinear residual has signature

```
PetscErrorCode (*func)(SNES snes, Vec x, Vec r, void *ctx)
```

`x`: The current solution

`r`: The residual

`ctx`: The user context passed to `SNESSetFunction()`

- Use this to pass application information, e.g. physical constants

SNES Jacobian

The user provided function that calculates the Jacobian has signature

```
PetscErrorCode (*func) (SNES snes, Vec x, Mat J,  
                        Mat Jpre, void *ctx)
```

`x`: The current solution

`J`: The Jacobian

`Jpre`: The Jacobian preconditioning matrix (possibly J itself)

`ctx`: The user context passed to `SNESSetFunction()`

- Use this to pass application information, e.g. physical constants

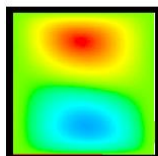
Alternatively, you can use

- a builtin sparse finite difference approximation (“coloring”)
- automatic differentiation (ADIC/ADIFOR)

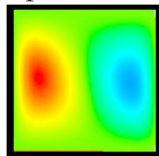
SNES Example

Driven Cavity

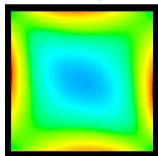
Solution Components



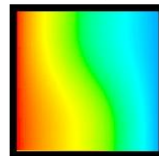
velocity: u



velocity: v



vorticity:



temperature: T

- Velocity-vorticity formulation
- Flow driven by lid and/or buoyancy
- Logically regular grid
 - Parallelized with DMDA
- Finite difference discretization
- Authored by David Keyes

`src/snes/examples/tutorials/ex19.c`

SNES Example

Driven Cavity Application Context

```
/* Collocated at each node */
typedef struct {
    PetscScalar u,v,omega,temp;
} Field;

typedef struct {
    /* physical parameters */
    PassiveReal lidvelocity,prandtl,grashof;
    /* color plots of the solution */
    PetscTruth draw_contours;
} AppCtx;
```

SNES Example

```
DrivenCavityFunction(SNES snes, Vec X, Vec F, void *ptr) {
    AppCtx          *user = (AppCtx *) ptr;
    /* local starting and ending grid points */
    PetscInt         istart, iend, jstart, jend;
    PetscScalar      *f;          /* local vector data */
    PetscReal        grashof = user->grashof;
    PetscReal        prandtl = user->prandtl;
    PetscErrorCode    ierr;

    /* Code to communicate nonlocal ghost point data */
    DMDAVecGetArray(da, F, &f);

    /* Loop over local part and assemble into f[idxloc] */
    /* .... */

    DMDAVecRestoreArray(da, F, &f);
    return 0;
}
```

DMDA Local Function

User provided function calculates the nonlinear residual (in 2D)

```
(*lfunc) (DMDALocalInfo *info, PetscScalar **x, PetscScalar **r, void *ctx)
```

`info`: All layout and numbering information

`x`: The current solution

- Notice that it is a multidimensional array

`r`: The residual

`ctx`: The user context passed to `DASetLocalFunction()`

The local DMDA function is activated by calling

```
SNESSetFunction(snes, r, SNESDAFormFunction, ctx)
```


SNES Example with local evaluation

```
PetscErrorCode DrivenCavityFuncLocal(DMDALocalInfo *info,
                                     Field **x, Field **f, void *ctx) {
    /* Handle boundaries ... */
    /* Compute over the interior points */
    for(j = info->ys; j < info->ys+info->ym; j++) {
        for(i = info->xs; i < info->xs+info->xm; i++) {
            /* convective coefficients for upwinding ... */
            /* U velocity */
            u          = x[j][i].u;
            uxx        = (2.0*u - x[j][i-1].u - x[j][i+1].u)*hydhx;
            uyy        = (2.0*u - x[j-1][i].u - x[j+1][i].u)*hxdhy;
            f[j][i].u  = uxx + uyy - .5*(x[j+1][i].omega-x[j-1][i].omega);
            /* V velocity, Omega ... */
            /* Temperature */
            u          = x[j][i].temp;
            uxx        = (2.0*u - x[j][i-1].temp - x[j][i+1].temp)*hy;
            uyy        = (2.0*u - x[j-1][i].temp - x[j+1][i].temp)*hx;
            f[j][i].temp = uxx + uyy + prandtl
                * ( (vxp*(u - x[j][i-1].temp) + vxm*(x[j][i+1].temp - u))
                  + (vyp*(u - x[j-1][i].temp) + vym*(x[j+1][i].temp - u))
                );
        }
    }
}
```

DMDA Local Jacobian

User provided function calculates the Jacobian (in 2D)

```
(*lfunc) (DMDALocalInfo *info, PetscScalar **x, Mat J, void *ctx)
```

info: All layout and numbering information

x: The current solution

J: The Jacobian

ctx: The user context passed to `DASetLocalJacobian()`

The local DMDA function is activated by calling

```
SNESSetJacobian(snes, J, J, SNESDAComputeJacobian, ctx)
```

Running the driven cavity

- `./ex19 -lidvelocity 100 -grashof 1e2 -da_grid_x 16 -da_grid_y 16 -snes_monitor -snes_view -da_refine 2`
- `./ex19 -lidvelocity 100 -grashof 1e4 -da_grid_x 16 -da_grid_y 16 -snes_monitor -snes_view -da_refine 2`
- `./ex19 -lidvelocity 100 -grashof 1e5 -da_grid_x 16 -da_grid_y 16 -snes_monitor -snes_view -da_refine 2 -pc_type lu`
- Uh oh, we have convergence problems
- Does `-snes_grid_sequence help?`

Running the driven cavity

- `./ex19 -lidvelocity 100 -grashof 1e2 -da_grid_x 16 -da_grid_y 16 -snes_monitor -snes_view -da_refine 2`
lid velocity = 100, prandtl # = 1, grashof # = 1000
0 SNES Function norm 7.682893957872e+02
1 SNES Function norm 6.574700998832e+02
2 SNES Function norm 5.285205210713e+02
3 SNES Function norm 3.770968117421e+02
4 SNES Function norm 3.030010490879e+02
5 SNES Function norm 2.655764576535e+00
6 SNES Function norm 6.208275817215e-03
7 SNES Function norm 1.191107243692e-07
Number of SNES iterations = 7
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lid velocity = 100, prandtl # = 1, grashof # = 10000
0 SNES Function norm 7.854040793765e+02
1 SNES Function norm 6.630545177472e+02
2 SNES Function norm 5.195829874590e+02
3 SNES Function norm 3.608696664876e+02
4 SNES Function norm 2.458925075918e+02
5 SNES Function norm 1.811699413098e+00
6 SNES Function norm 4.688284580389e-03
7 SNES Function norm 4.417003604737e-08
Number of SNES iterations = 7
- `./ex19 -lidvelocity 100 -grashof 1e5 -da_grid_x 16 -da_grid_y 16 -snes_monitor -snes_view -da_refine 2 -pc_type lu`
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```
lid velocity = 100, prandtl # = 1, grashof # = 100000
```

```
0 SNES Function norm 1.809960438828e+03
```

```
1 SNES Function norm 1.678372489097e+03
```

```
2 SNES Function norm 1.643759853387e+03
```

```
3 SNES Function norm 1.559341161485e+03
```

```
4 SNES Function norm 1.557604282019e+03
```

```
5 SNES Function norm 1.510711246849e+03
```

```
6 SNES Function norm 1.500472491343e+03
```

```
7 SNES Function norm 1.498930951680e+03
```

```
8 SNES Function norm 1.498440256659e+03
```

```
...
```

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Exercise 5

Run SNES Example 5 using some custom options.

- ❶ `cd $PETSC_DIR/src/snes/examples/tutorials`
- ❷ `make ex5`
- ❸ `mpiexec ./ex5 -snes_monitor -snes_view`
- ❹ `mpiexec ./ex5 -snes_type tr -snes_monitor
-snes_view`
- ❺ `mpiexec ./ex5 -ksp_monitor -snes_monitor
-snes_view`
- ❻ `mpiexec ./ex5 -pc_type jacobi -ksp_monitor
-snes_monitor -snes_view`
- ❼ `mpiexec ./ex5 -ksp_type bicg -ksp_monitor
-snes_monitor -snes_view`

Sample output (SNES and KSP)

SNES Object: 1 MPI processes

type: ls

line search variant: CUBIC

alpha=1.000000000000e-04, maxstep=1.000000000000e+08, minlambda

damping factor=1.000000000000e+00

maximum iterations=50, maximum function evaluations=10000

tolerances: relative=1e-08, absolute=1e-50, solution=1e-08

total number of linear solver iterations=5

total number of function evaluations=6

KSP Object: 1 MPI processes

type: gmres

GMRES: restart=30, using Classical (unmodified) Gram-Schmidt

GMRES: happy breakdown tolerance 1e-30

maximum iterations=10000, initial guess is zero

tolerances: relative=1e-05, absolute=1e-50, divergence=10000

left preconditioning

using PRECONDITIONED norm type for convergence test

Multiphysics Assembly Code: Residuals

```
FormFunction_Coupled(SNES snes, Vec X, Vec F, void *ctx) {  
    struct UserCtx *user = ctx;  
    // ...  
    SNESGetDM(snes, &pack);  
    DMCompositeGetEntries(pack, &dau, &dak);  
    DMDAGetLocalInfo(dau, &infou);  
    DMDAGetLocalInfo(dak, &infok);  
    DMCompositeScatter(pack, X, Uloc, Kloc);  
    DMDAVecGetArray(dau, Uloc, &u);  
    DMDAVecGetArray(dak, Kloc, &k);  
    DMCompositeGetAccess(pack, F, &Fu, &Fk);  
    DMDAVecGetArray(dau, Fu, &fu);  
    DMDAVecGetArray(dak, Fk, &fk);  
    FormFunctionLocal_U(user, &infou, u, k, fu); // u residual with k g.  
    FormFunctionLocal_K(user, &infok, u, k, fk); // k residual with u g.  
    DMDAVecRestoreArray(dau, Fu, &fu);  
    // More restores
```

Multiphysics Assembly Code: Jacobians

```
FormJacobian_Coupled(SNES snes, Vec X, Mat J, Mat B, ...) {  
    // Access components as for residuals  
    MatGetLocalSubMatrix(B, is[0], is[0], &Buu);  
    MatGetLocalSubMatrix(B, is[0], is[1], &Buk);  
    MatGetLocalSubMatrix(B, is[1], is[0], &Bku);  
    MatGetLocalSubMatrix(B, is[1], is[1], &Bkk);  
    FormJacobianLocal_U(user, &infou, u, k, Buu);           // single phy.  
    FormJacobianLocal_UK(user, &infou, &infok, u, k, Buk); // coupling  
    FormJacobianLocal_KU(user, &infou, &infok, u, k, Bku); // coupling  
    FormJacobianLocal_K(user, &infok, u, k, Bkk);           // single phy.  
    MatRestoreLocalSubMatrix(B, is[0], is[0], &Buu);  
    // More restores
```

- Assembly code is independent of matrix format
- Single-physics code is used unmodified for coupled problem
- No-copy fieldsplit:

```
-pack_dm_mat_type nest -pc_type fieldsplit
```

- Coupled direct solve:

```
-pack_dm_mat_type aij -pc_type lu -pc_factor_mat_solver_package mumps
```

Finite Difference Jacobians

PETSc can compute and explicitly store a Jacobian via 1st-order FD

- Dense

- Activated by `-snes_fd`
- Computed by `SNESDefaultComputeJacobian()`

- Sparse via colorings

- Activated by `-snes_fd_color` (default when no Jacobian set and using DM)
- Coloring is created by `MatFDColoringCreate()`
- Computed by `SNESDefaultComputeJacobianColor()`

Can also use Matrix-free Newton-Krylov via 1st-order FD

- Activated by `-snes_mf` without preconditioning
- Activated by `-snes_mf_operator` with user-defined preconditioning
 - Uses preconditioning matrix from `SNESSetJacobian()`

- Line search strategies
- Trust region approaches
- Picard iteration
- Variational inequality approaches

Why isn't SNES converging?

- The Jacobian is wrong (maybe only in parallel)
 - Check with `-snes_type test` and `-snes_mf_operator -pc_type lu`
- The linear system is not solved accurately enough
 - Check with `-pc_type lu`
 - Check `-ksp_monitor_true_residual`, try right preconditioning
- The Jacobian is singular with inconsistent right side
 - Use `MatNullSpace` to inform the KSP of a known null space
 - Use a different Krylov method or preconditioner
- The nonlinearity is just really strong
 - Run with `-snes_linesearch_monitor`
 - Try using trust region instead of line search `-snes_type newtontr`
 - Try grid sequencing if possible
 - Use a continuation

- PETSc can compute a finite difference Jacobian and compare it to yours
- `-snes_type test`
 - Is the difference significant?
- `-snes_type test -snes_test_display`
 - Are the entries in the star stencil correct?
- Find which line has the typo
- `$ git checkout 9-newton-correct`
- Check with `-snes_type test`
- and `-snes_mf_operator -pc_type lu`

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Overwhelmed with choices

- If you have a hard problem, no black-box solver will work well
- Everything in PETSc has a plugin architecture
 - Put in the “special sauce” for your problem
 - Your implementations are first-class
- PETSc exposes an algebra of composition at runtime
 - Build a good solver from existing components, at runtime
 - Multigrid, domain decomposition, factorization, relaxation, field-split
 - Choose matrix format that works best with your preconditioner
 - structural blocking, Neumann matrices, monolithic versus nested

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- P^{-1} is dense, P is often not available and is not needed
- A is rarely used by \mathcal{P} , but $A_p = A$ is common
- A_p is often a sparse matrix, the “preconditioning matrix”
- Matrix-based: Jacobi, Gauss-Seidel, SOR, ILU(k), LU
- Parallel: Block-Jacobi, Schwarz, Multigrid, FETI-DP, BDDC
- Indefinite: Schur-complement, Domain Decomposition, Multigrid

Preconditioning

Idea: improve the conditioning of the Krylov operator

- Left preconditioning

$$(P^{-1}A)x = P^{-1}b$$

$$\{P^{-1}b, (P^{-1}A)P^{-1}b, (P^{-1}A)^2P^{-1}b, \dots\}$$

- Right preconditioning

$$(AP^{-1})Px = b$$

$$\{b, (P^{-1}A)b, (P^{-1}A)^2b, \dots\}$$

- The product $P^{-1}A$ or AP^{-1} is not formed.

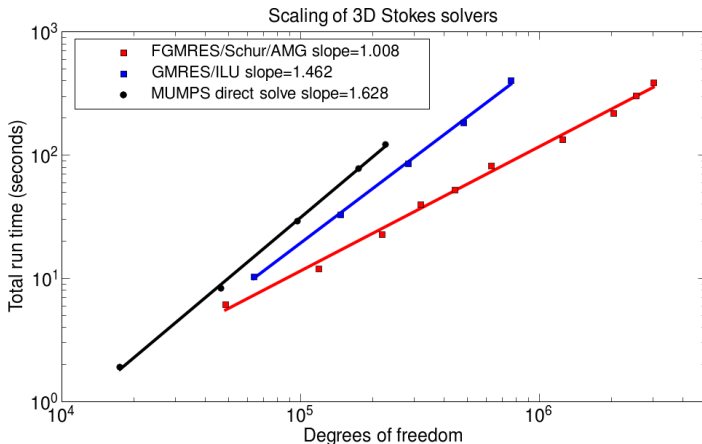
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Linear Solvers

- Use a direct method (small problem size)
- Precondition with Schur Complement method
- Use multigrid approach

What about direct linear solvers?



- By all means, start with a direct solver
- Direct solvers are **robust**, but **not scalable**
- **2D**: $\mathcal{O}(n^{1.5})$ flops, $\mathcal{O}(n \log n)$ memory.
- **3D**: $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$ flops, $\mathcal{O}(n^{4/3})$ memory

3rd Party Solvers in PETSc

Complete table of solvers

1 Sequential LU

- ILUDT (SPARSEKIT2, Yousef Saad, U of MN)
- EUCLID & PILUT (Hypre, David Hysom, LLNL)
- ESSL (IBM)
- SuperLU (Jim Demmel and Sherry Li, LBNL)
- Matlab
- UMFPACK (Tim Davis, U. of Florida)
- LUSOL (MINOS, Michael Saunders, Stanford)

2 Parallel LU

- MUMPS (Patrick Amestoy, IRIT)
- SPOOLES (Cleve Ashcroft, Boeing)
- SuperLU_Dist (Jim Demmel and Sherry Li, LBNL)

3 Parallel Cholesky

- DSCPACK (Padma Raghavan, Penn. State)

4 XYTLlib - parallel direct solver (Paul Fischer and Henry Tufo, ANL)

3rd Party Preconditioners in PETSc

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- 1 Parallel ICC
 - BlockSolve95 (Mark Jones and Paul Plassman, ANL)
- 2 Parallel ILU
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- 3 Parallel Sparse Approximate Inverse
 - Parasails (Hypre, Edmund Chow, LLNL)
 - SPAI 3.0 (Marcus Grote and Barnard, NYU)
- 4 Sequential Algebraic Multigrid
 - RAMG (John Ruge and Klaus Steuben, GMD)
 - SAMG (Klaus Steuben, GMD)
- 5 Parallel Algebraic Multigrid
 - Prometheus (Mark Adams, PPPL)
 - BoomerAMG (Hypre, LLNL)
 - ML (Trilinos, Ray Tuminaro and Jonathan Hu, SNL)

The Great Solver Schism: Monolithic or Split?

Monolithic

- Direct solvers
- Coupled Schwarz
- Coupled Neumann-Neumann (need unassembled matrices)
- Coupled multigrid
- X Need to understand local spectral and compatibility properties of the coupled system

Split

- Physics-split Schwarz (based on relaxation)
- Physics-split Schur (based on factorization)
 - approximate commutators SIMPLE, PCD, LSC
 - segregated smoothers
 - Augmented Lagrangian
 - “parabolization” for stiff waves
- X Need to understand global coupling strengths

- Preferred data structures depend on which method is used.
- Interplay with geometric multigrid.

Outlook on Solver Composition

- Unintrusive composition of multigrid and block preconditioning
- We can build many preconditioners from the literature on the command line
- User code does not depend on matrix format, preconditioning method, nonlinear solution method, time integration method (implicit or IMEX), or size of coupled system (except for driver).

In development

- Distributive relaxation, Vanka smoothers
- Algebraic coarsening of “dual” variables
- Improving operator-dependent semi-geometric multigrid
- More automatic spectral analysis and smoother optimization
- Automated support for mixing analysis into levels

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The Stokes System

```
-pc_type fieldsplit
```

```
-pc_fieldsplit_type
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-fieldsplit_0_ksp_type preonly
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$$\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B^T & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Stokes example

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Cohouet and Chabard, Some fast 3D finite element solvers for the generalized Stokes problem, 1988.

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Elman, Multigrid and Krylov subspace methods for the discrete Stokes equations, 1994.

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-pc_fieldsplit_schur_factorization_type diag
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$$\text{PC} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{A} & 0 \\ 0 & -\hat{S} \end{pmatrix}$$

May and Moresi, Preconditioned iterative methods for Stokes flow problems arising in computational geodynamics, 2008.

Olshanskii, Peters, and Reusken, Uniform preconditioners for a parameter dependent saddle point problem with application to generalized Stokes interface equations, 2006.

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$$\text{PC} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{A} & B \\ 0 & \hat{S}_{\text{LSC}} \end{pmatrix}$$

May and Moresi, Preconditioned iterative methods for Stokes flow problems arising in computational geodynamics, 2008.

Kay, Loghin and Wathen, A Preconditioner for the Steady-State N-S Equations, 2002.

Elman, Howle, Shadid, Shuttleworth, and Tuminaro, Block preconditioners based on approximate commutators, 2006.

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```
-pc_type fieldsplit  
-pc_fieldsplit_type schur  
-pc_fieldsplit_schur_factorization_type full
```

PC

$$\begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ B^T A^{-1} & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{A} & 0 \\ 0 & \hat{S} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & A^{-1} B \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix}$$

Stokes example

All block preconditioners can be *embedded* in MG using only options:

```
-pc_type mg -pc_mg_levels 5 -pc_mg_galerkin  
-mg_levels_pc_type fieldsplit  
-mg_levels_pc_fieldsplit_type
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System on each Coarse Level

$$R \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B^T & 0 \end{pmatrix} P$$

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```

Relative effect of the blocks

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} J_{uu} & J_{up} & J_{uE} \\ J_{pu} & 0 & 0 \\ J_{Eu} & J_{Ep} & J_{EE} \end{pmatrix}.$$

- J_{uu} Viscous/momentum terms, nearly symmetric, variable coefficients, anisotropy from Newton.
- J_{up} Weak pressure gradient, viscosity dependence on pressure (small), gravitational contribution (pressure-induced density variation). Large, nearly balanced by gravitational forcing.
- J_{uE} Viscous dependence on energy, very nonlinear, not very large.
- J_{pu} Divergence (mass conservation), nearly equal to J_{up}^T .
- J_{Eu} Sensitivity of energy on momentum, mostly advective transport. Large in boundary layers with large thermal/moisture gradients.
- J_{Ep} Thermal/moisture diffusion due to pressure-melting, $\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla$.
- J_{EE} Advection-diffusion for energy, very nonlinear at small regularization. Advection-dominated except in boundary layers

How much nesting?

$$P_1 = \begin{pmatrix} J_{uu} & J_{up} & J_{uE} \\ 0 & B_{pp} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & J_{EE} \end{pmatrix}$$

- B_{pp} is a mass matrix in the pressure space weighted by inverse of kinematic viscosity.
- Elman, Mihajlović, Wathen, JCP 2011 for non-dimensional isoviscous Boussinesq.
- Works well for non-dimensional problems on the cube, not for realistic parameters.
- Low-order preconditioning full-accuracy unassembled high order operator.

$$P = \left[\begin{pmatrix} J_{uu} & J_{up} \\ J_{pu} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad J_{EE} \right]$$

- Inexact inner solve using upper-triangular with B_{pp} for Schur.
- Another level of nesting.
- GCR tolerant of inexact inner solves.
- Outer converges in 1 or 2 iterations.

Why do we need multilevel solvers?

- Elliptic problems are globally coupled
- Without a coarse level, number of iterations proportional to inverse mesh size
- High-volume local communication is an inefficient way to communicate long-range information, bad for parallel models
- Most important with 3D flow features and/or slippery beds
- Nested/split multilevel methods
 - Decompose problem into simpler sub-problems, use multilevel methods on each
 - Good reuse of existing software
 - More synchronization due to nesting, more suitable after linearization
- Monolithic/coupled multilevel methods
 - Better convergence and lower synchronization, but harder to get right
 - Internal nonlinearities resolved locally
 - More discretization-specific, less software reuse

Multigrid is optimal in that it does $\mathcal{O}(N)$ work for $\|r\| < \epsilon$

- Brandt, Briggs, Chan & Smith
- Constant work per level
 - Sufficiently strong solver
 - Need a constant factor decrease in the residual
- Constant factor decrease in dof
 - Log number of levels

Multilevel Solvers are a Way of Life

- ingredients that discretizations can provide
 - identify “fields”
 - topological coarsening, possibly for fields
 - near-null space information
 - “natural” subdomains
 - subdomain integration, face integration
 - element or subdomain assembly/matrix-free smoothing
- solver composition
 - most splitting methods accessible from command line
 - energy optimization for tentative coarse basis functions
 - algebraic form of distributive relaxation
 - generic assembly for large systems and components
 - working on flexible “library-assisted” nonlinear multigrid
 - adding support for interactive eigenanalysis

Smoothing (typically Gauss-Seidel)

$$x^{new} = S(x^{old}, b) \quad (1)$$

Coarse-grid Correction

$$J_c \delta x_c = R(b - Jx^{old}) \quad (2)$$

$$x^{new} = x^{old} + R^T \delta x_c \quad (3)$$

Multigrid

Hierarchy: Interpolation and restriction operators

$$\mathcal{I}^\uparrow : X_{\text{coarse}} \rightarrow X_{\text{fine}} \quad \mathcal{I}^\downarrow : X_{\text{fine}} \rightarrow X_{\text{coarse}}$$

- Geometric: define problem on multiple levels, use grid to compute hierarchy
- Algebraic: define problem only on finest level, use matrix structure to build hierarchy

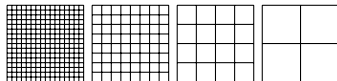
Galerkin approximation

Assemble this matrix: $A_{\text{coarse}} = \mathcal{I}^\downarrow A_{\text{fine}} \mathcal{I}^\uparrow$

Application of multigrid preconditioner (V-cycle)

- Apply pre-smoother on fine level (any preconditioner)
- Restrict residual to coarse level with \mathcal{I}^\downarrow
- Solve on coarse level $A_{\text{coarse}} x = r$
- Interpolate result back to fine level with \mathcal{I}^\uparrow
- Apply post-smoother on fine level (any preconditioner)

Multigrid Preliminaries



Multigrid is an $O(n)$ method for solving algebraic problems by defining a hierarchy of scale. A multigrid method is constructed from:

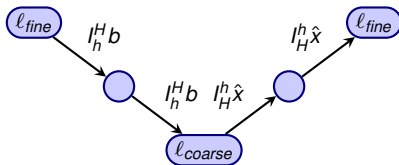
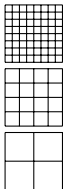
- ① a series of discretizations
 - coarser approximations of the original problem
 - constructed algebraically or geometrically
- ② intergrid transfer operators
 - residual restriction I_h^H (fine to coarse)
 - state restriction \hat{I}_h^H (fine to coarse)
 - partial state interpolation I_H^h (coarse to fine, 'prolongation')
 - state reconstruction \mathbb{I}_H^h (coarse to fine)
- ③ Smoothers (S)
 - correct the high frequency error components
 - Richardson, Jacobi, Gauss-Seidel, etc.
 - Gauss-Seidel-Newton or optimization methods

Rediscretized Multigrid using DM

- DM manages problem data beyond purely algebraic objects
 - structured, redundant, and (less mature) unstructured implementations in PETSc
 - third-party implementations
- `DMCoarsen(dmfine, coarse_comm, &coarsedm)` to create “geometric” coarse level
 - Also `DMRefine()` for grid sequencing and convenience
 - `DMCoarsenHookAdd()` for external clients to move resolution-dependent data for rediscretization and FAS
- `DMCreateInterpolation(dmcoarse, dmfine, &Interp, &Rscale)`
 - Usually uses geometric information, can be operator-dependent
 - Can be improved subsequently, e.g. using energy-minimization from AMG
- Resolution-dependent solver-specific callbacks use attribute caching on DM.
 - Managed by solvers, not visible to users unless they need exotic things (e.g. custom homogenization, reduced models)

Multigrid

- **Multigrid** methods uses coarse correction for large-scale error



Algorithm $MG(A, b)$ for the solution of $A\vec{x} = b$:

$$\vec{x} = S^m(\vec{x}, b) \quad \text{pre-smooth}$$

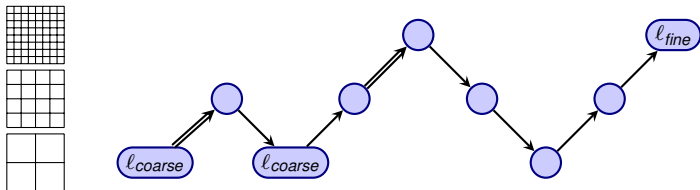
$$b^H = I_h^H(\vec{r} - A\vec{x}) \quad \text{restrict residual}$$

$$\hat{x}^H = MG(I_h^H A I_H^h, b^H) \quad \text{recurse}$$

$$\vec{x} = \vec{x} + I_H^h \hat{x}^H \quad \text{prolong correction}$$

$$\vec{x} = \vec{x} + S^n(\vec{x}, b) \quad \text{post-smooth}$$

Full Multigrid(FMG)



- start with coarse grid
- \vec{x} is prolonged using \mathbb{I}_H^h on first visit to each finer level
- truncation error within one cycle
- about five work units for many problems
- highly efficient solution method

Some Multigrid Options

- `-snes_grid_sequence: [0]`
Solve nonlinear problems on coarse grids to get initial guess
- `-pc_mg_galerkin: [FALSE]`
Use Galerkin process to compute coarser operators
- `-pc_mg_type: [FULL]`
(choose one of) MULTIPLICATIVE ADDITIVE FULL KASKADE
- `-mg_coarse_{ksp, pc}_*`
control the coarse-level solver
- `-mg_levels_{ksp, pc}_*`
control the smoothers on levels
- `-mg_levels_3_{ksp, pc}_*`
control the smoother on specific level
- These also work with ML's algebraic multigrid.

Coupled Multigrids

- Geometric multigrid with isotropic coarsening, ASM(1)/Cholesky and ASM(0)/ICC(0) on levels

```
-mg_levels_pc_type bjacobi -mg_levels_sub_pc_type icc  
-mg_levels_1_pc_type asm -mg_levels_1_sub_pc_type  
cholesky
```

- ...with Galerkin coarse operators

```
-pc_mg_galerkin
```

- ...with ML's aggregates

```
-pc_type ml -mg_levels_pc_type asm
```

- Geometric multigrid with aggressive semi-coarsening, ASM(1)/Cholesky and ASM(0)/ICC(0) on levels

```
-da_refine_hierarchy_x 1,1,8,8 -da_refine_hierarchy_y  
2,2,1,1 -da_refine_hierarachy_z 2,2,1,1
```

- Simulate 1024 cores, interactively, on my laptop

```
-mg_levels_pc_asm_blocks 1024
```

Everything is better as a smoother (sometimes)

Block preconditioners work alright, but. . .

- nested iteration requires more dot products
- more iterations: coarse levels don't "see" each other
- finer grained kernels: lower arithmetic intensity, even more limited by memory bandwidth

Coupled multigrid

- need compatible coarsening
 - can do algebraically (Adams 2004) but would need to assemble
- stability issues for lowest order $Q_1 - P_0^{\text{disc}}$
 - Rannacher-Turek looks great, but no discrete Korn's inequality
- coupled "Vanka" smoothers difficult to implement with high performance, especially for FEM
- block preconditioners as smoothers reuse software better
- one level by reducing order for the coarse space, more levels need non-nested geometric MG or go all-algebraic and pay for matrix assembly and setup

Multigrid convergence properties

- Textbook: $P^{-1}A$ is spectrally equivalent to identity
 - Constant number of iterations to converge up to discretization error
- Most theory applies to SPD systems
 - variable coefficients (e.g. discontinuous): low energy interpolants
 - mesh- and/or physics-induced anisotropy: semi-coarsening/line smoothers
 - complex geometry: difficult to have meaningful coarse levels
- Deeper algorithmic difficulties
 - nonsymmetric (e.g. advection, shallow water, Euler)
 - indefinite (e.g. incompressible flow, Helmholtz)
- Performance considerations
 - Aggressive coarsening is critical in parallel
 - Most theory uses SOR smoothers, ILU often more robust
 - Coarsest level usually solved semi-redundantly with direct solver
- Multilevel Schwarz is essentially the same with different language
 - assume strong smoothers, emphasize aggressive coarsening

Algebraic Multigrid Tuning

- Smoothed Aggregation (GAMG, ML)
 - Graph/strength of connection – `MatSetBlockSize()`
 - Threshold (`-pc_gamg_threshold`)
 - Aggregate (MIS, HEM)
 - Tentative prolongation – `MatSetNearNullSpace()`
 - Eigenvalue estimate
 - Chebyshev smoothing bounds
- BoomerAMG (Hypre)
 - Strong threshold (`-pc_hypre_boomeramg_strong_threshold`)
 - Aggressive coarsening options

Coupled approach to multiphysics

- Smooth all components together
 - Block SOR is the most popular
 - Block ILU sometimes more robust (e.g. transport/anisotropy)
 - Vanka field-split smoothers or for saddle-point problems
 - Distributive relaxation
- Scaling between fields is critical
- Indefiniteness
 - Make smoothers and interpolants respect inf-sup condition
 - Difficult to handle anisotropy
 - Exotic interpolants for Helmholtz
- Transport
 - Define smoother in terms of first-order upwind discretization (h -ellipticity)
 - Evaluate residuals using high-order discretization
 - Use Schur field-split: “parabolize” at top level or for smoother on levels
- Multigrid inside field-split or field-split inside multigrid
- Open research area, hard to write modular software

Programming with Options

ex55: Allen-Cahn problem in 2D

- constant mobility
- triangular elements

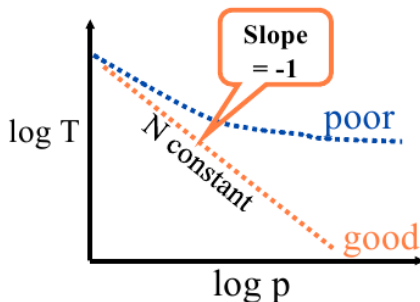
Geometric multigrid method for saddle point variational inequalities:

```
./ex55 -ksp_type fgmres -pc_type mg -mg_levels_ksp_type fgmres  
-mg_levels_pc_type fieldsplit -mg_levels_pc_fieldsplit_detect_saddle_point  
-mg_levels_pc_fieldsplit_type schur -da_grid_x 65 -da_grid_y 65  
-mg_levels_pc_fieldsplit_factorization_type full  
-mg_levels_pc_fieldsplit_schur_precondition user  
-mg_levels_fieldsplit_1_ksp_type gmres -mg_coarse_ksp_type preonly  
-mg_levels_fieldsplit_1_pc_type none -mg_coarse_pc_type svd  
-mg_levels_fieldsplit_0_ksp_type preonly  
-mg_levels_fieldsplit_0_pc_type sor -pc_mg_levels 5  
-mg_levels_fieldsplit_0_pc_sor_forward -pc_mg_galerkin  
-snes_vi_monitor -ksp_monitor_true_residual -snes_atol 1.e-11  
-mg_levels_ksp_monitor -mg_levels_fieldsplit_ksp_monitor  
-mg_levels_ksp_max_it 2 -mg_levels_fieldsplit_ksp_max_it 5
```

Scalability definitions

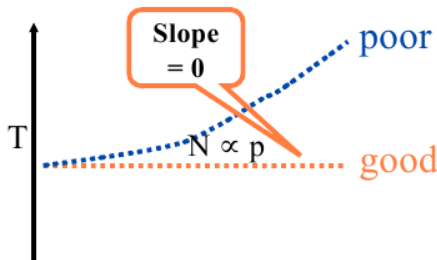
Strong scalability

- Fixed problem size
- execution time T inversely proportional to number of processors p



Weak scalability

- Fixed problem size per processor
- execution time constant as problem size increases



*The easiest way to make software scalable
is to make it sequentially inefficient.
(Gropp 1999)*

- We really want efficient software
- Need a performance model
 - memory bandwidth and latency
 - algorithmically critical operations (e.g. dot products, scatters)
 - floating point unit
- Scalability shows marginal benefit of adding more cores, nothing more
- Constants hidden in the choice of algorithm
- Constants hidden in implementation

Limits of “scalability”?

- **Transient simulation does not weak scale.**

- Fixed turn-around needed: policy, manufacturing/supply-chain, active control, real-time guidance (field work, surgery, etc.)
- d -dimensional problem, increase resolution by $2\times$.
- Data increases by 2^d , but we need $2\times$ more time steps (hyperbolic).
- With perfect scaling, we use 2^{d+1} more cores.
- Local data changes by $2^d/2^{d+1} = \frac{1}{2}$

- More applications feeling this

- Asymptotics are relentless
- New analysis requires more solves in sequence
 - From forward simulation to optimization with uncertainty ...
- New physics and higher fidelity observation requires more calibration/validation

- Other applications are safe for now

- Steady-state solves with scalable methods
- Transient with a small number of time steps
- Maximize resolution/problem size – memory-constrained

Evaluating methods

- Performance of methods will depend on **grid resolution** and **model parameters** (regime and heterogeneity).
- A method is:
 - **scalable** (also “optimal”) if its performance is independent of resolution and parallelism
 - **robust** if its performance is (nearly) independent of model parameters
 - **efficient** if it solves the problem in a small multiple of the cost to evaluate the residual¹
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Importance of Computational Modeling

Without a model,
performance measurements are meaningless!

Before a code is written, we should have a model of

- computation
- memory usage
- communication
- bandwidth
- achievable concurrency

This allows us to

- **verify** the implementation
- **predict** scaling behavior

Complexity Analysis

The key performance indicator, which we will call the *balance factor* β , is the ratio of **flops** executed to **bytes** transferred.

- We will designate the unit $\frac{\text{flop}}{\text{byte}}$ as the *Keyes*
- Using the peak flop rate r_{peak} , we can get the required bandwidth B_{req} for an algorithm

$$B_{\text{req}} = \frac{r_{\text{peak}}}{\beta} \quad (4)$$

- Using the peak bandwidth B_{peak} , we can get the maximum flop rate r_{max} for an algorithm

$$r_{\text{max}} = \beta B_{\text{peak}} \quad (5)$$

STREAM Benchmark

Simple benchmark program measuring **sustainable** memory bandwidth

- Protoypical operation is Triad (WAXPY): $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{y} + \alpha \mathbf{x}$
- Measures the memory bandwidth bottleneck (much below peak)
- Datasets outstrip cache

Machine	Peak (MF/s)	Triad (MB/s)	MF/MW	Eq. MF/s
Matt's Laptop	1700	1122.4	12.1	93.5 (5.5%)
Intel Core2 Quad	38400	5312.0	57.8	442.7 (1.2%)
Tesla 1060C	984000	102000.0*	77.2	8500.0 (0.8%)

Table: Bandwidth limited machine performance

<http://www.cs.virginia.edu/stream/>

Sparse Mat-Vec performance model

Compressed Sparse Row format (AIJ)

For $m \times n$ matrix with N nonzeros

- ai** row starts, length $m + 1$
- aj** column indices, length N , range $[0, n - 1]$
- aa** nonzero entries, length N , scalar values

```
for (i=0; i<m; i++)  
    y ← y + Ax      for (j=ai[i]; j<ai[i+1]; j++)  
                    y[i] += aa[j] * x[aj[j]];
```

- One add and one multiply per inner loop
- Scalar $aa[j]$ and integer $aj[j]$ only used once
- Must load $aj[j]$ to read from x , may not reuse cache well

Analysis of Sparse Matvec (SpMV)

Assumptions

- No cache misses
- No waits on memory references

Notation

m Number of matrix rows

nz Number of nonzero matrix elements

V Number of vectors to multiply

We can look at bandwidth needed for peak performance

$$\left(8 + \frac{2}{V}\right) \frac{m}{nz} + \frac{6}{V} \text{ byte/flop} \quad (6)$$

or achievable performance given a bandwidth BW

$$\frac{Vnz}{(8V + 2)m + 6nz} BW \text{ Mflop/s} \quad (7)$$

Towards Realistic Performance Bounds for Implicit CFD Codes, Gropp, Kaushik, Keyes, and Smith.

Performance Caveats

- The peak flop rate r_{peak} on modern CPUs is attained through the usage of a SIMD multiply-accumulate instruction on special 128-bit registers.
- SIMD MAC operates in the form of 4 simultaneous operations (2 adds and 2 multiplies):

$$c_1 = c_1 + a_1 * b_1 \quad (8)$$

$$c_2 = c_2 + a_2 * b_2 \quad (9)$$

You will miss peak by the corresponding number of operations you are missing. In the worst case, you are reduced to 25% efficiency if your algorithm performs naive summation or products.

- Memory alignment is also crucial when using SSE, the instructions used to load and store from the 128-bit registers throw very costly alignment exceptions when the data is not stored in memory on 16 byte (128 bit) boundaries.

Profiling basics

- Get the math right
 - Choose an algorithm that gives robust iteration counts and really converges
- Look at where the time is spent
 - Run with `-log_summary` and look at events
 - `VecNorm`, `VecDot` measures latency
 - `MatMult` measures neighbor exchange and memory bandwidth
 - `PCSetUp` factorization, aggregation, matrix-matrix products, ...
 - `PCApply` V-cycles, triangular solves, ...
 - `KSPSolve` linear solve
 - `SNESFunctionEval` residual evaluation (user code)
 - `SNESJacobianEval` matrix assembly (user code)

Communication Costs

- Reductions: usually part of Krylov method, latency limited
 - VecDot
 - VecMDot
 - VecNorm
 - MatAssemblyBegin
 - Change algorithm (e.g. IBCGS)
- Point-to-point (nearest neighbor), latency or bandwidth
 - VecScatter
 - MatMult
 - PCApply
 - MatAssembly
 - SNESFunctionEval
 - SNESJacobianEval
 - Compute subdomain boundary fluxes redundantly
 - Ghost exchange for all fields at once
 - Better partition

Performance Debugging

- PETSc has integrated profiling
 - Option `-log_summary` prints a report on `PetscFinalize()`
- PETSc allows user-defined events
 - Events report time, calls, flops, communication, etc.
 - Memory usage is tracked by object
- Profiling is separated into stages
 - Event statistics are aggregated by stage

- Use `-log_summary` for a performance profile
 - Event timing
 - Event flops
 - Memory usage
 - MPI messages
- Call `PetscLogStagePush()` and `PetscLogStagePop()`
 - User can add new stages
- Call `PetscLogEventBegin()` and `PetscLogEventEnd()`
 - User can add new events
- Call `PetscLogFlops()` to include your flops

Reading `-log_summary`

	Max	Max/Min	Avg	Total
Time (sec):	1.548e+02	1.00122	1.547e+02	
Objects:	1.028e+03	1.00000	1.028e+03	
Flops:	1.519e+10	1.01953	1.505e+10	1.204e+11
Flops/sec:	9.814e+07	1.01829	9.727e+07	7.782e+08
MPI Messages:	8.854e+03	1.00556	8.819e+03	7.055e+04
MPI Message Lengths:	1.936e+08	1.00950	2.185e+04	1.541e+09
MPI Reductions:	2.799e+03	1.00000		

- Also a summary per stage
- Memory usage per stage (based on when it was allocated)
- Time, messages, reductions, balance, flops per event per stage
- Always send `-log_summary` when asking performance questions on mailing list

Reading -log_summary

Event	Count		Time (sec)		Flops		Mess	Avg len	Reduct	--- Global ---						%
	Max	Ratio	Max	Ratio	Max	Ratio				%T	%F	%M	%L	%R		
--- Event Stage 1: Full solve																
VecDot	43	1.0	4.8879e-02	8.3	1.77e+06	1.0	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	4.3e+01	0	0	0	0	0		
VecMDot	1747	1.0	1.3021e+00	4.6	8.16e+07	1.0	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	1.7e+03	0	1	0	0	14		
VecNorm	3972	1.0	1.5460e+00	2.5	8.48e+07	1.0	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	4.0e+03	0	1	0	0	31		
VecScale	3261	1.0	1.6703e-01	1.0	3.38e+07	1.0	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0	0	0	0	0		
VecScatterBegin	4503	1.0	4.0440e-01	1.0	0.00e+00	0.0	6.1e+07	2.0e+03	0.0e+00	0	0	50	26	0		
VecScatterEnd	4503	1.0	2.8207e+00	6.4	0.00e+00	0.0	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0	0	0	0	0		
MatMult	3001	1.0	3.2634e+01	1.1	3.68e+09	1.1	4.9e+07	2.3e+03	0.0e+00	11	22	40	24	0	2	
MatMultAdd	604	1.0	6.0195e-01	1.0	5.66e+07	1.0	3.7e+06	1.3e+02	0.0e+00	0	0	3	0	0		
MatMultTranspose	676	1.0	1.3220e+00	1.6	6.50e+07	1.0	4.2e+06	1.4e+02	0.0e+00	0	0	3	0	0		
MatSolve	3020	1.0	2.5957e+01	1.0	3.25e+09	1.0	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	9	21	0	0	0	1	
MatCholFctrSym	3	1.0	2.8324e-04	1.0	0.00e+00	0.0	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0	0	0	0	0		
MatCholFctrNum	69	1.0	5.7241e+00	1.0	6.75e+08	1.0	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	2	4	0	0	0		
MatAssemblyBegin	119	1.0	2.8250e+00	1.5	0.00e+00	0.0	2.1e+06	5.4e+04	3.1e+02	1	0	2	24	2		
MatAssemblyEnd	119	1.0	1.9689e+00	1.4	0.00e+00	0.0	2.8e+05	1.3e+03	6.8e+01	1	0	0	0	1		
SNESolve	4	1.0	1.4302e+02	1.0	8.11e+09	1.0	6.3e+07	3.8e+03	6.3e+03	51	50	52	50	9		
SNESLineSearch	43	1.0	1.5116e+01	1.0	1.05e+08	1.1	2.4e+06	3.6e+03	1.8e+02	5	1	2	2	1	1	
SNESFunctionEval	55	1.0	1.4930e+01	1.0	0.00e+00	0.0	1.8e+06	3.3e+03	8.0e+00	5	0	1	1	0	1	
SNESJacobianEval	43	1.0	3.7077e+01	1.0	7.77e+06	1.0	4.3e+06	2.6e+04	3.0e+02	13	0	4	24	2	2	
KSPGMRESOrthog	1747	1.0	1.5737e+00	2.9	1.63e+08	1.0	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	1.7e+03	1	1	0	0	14		
KSPSetup	224	1.0	2.1040e-02	1.0	0.00e+00	0.0	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	3.0e+01	0	0	0	0	0		
KSPSolve	43	1.0	8.9988e+01	1.0	7.99e+09	1.0	5.6e+07	2.0e+03	5.8e+03	32	49	46	24	46	6	
PCSetUp	112	1.0	1.7354e+01	1.0	6.75e+08	1.0	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	8.7e+01	6	4	0	0	1	1	
PCSetUpOnBlocks	1208	1.0	5.8182e+00	1.0	6.75e+08	1.0	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	8.7e+01	2	4	0	0	1		
PCApply	276	1.0	7.1497e+01	1.0	7.14e+09	1.0	5.2e+07	1.8e+03	5.1e+03	25	44	42	20	41	4	

Adding A Logging Class

```
static int CLASS_ID;
```

```
PetscLogClassRegister(&CLASS_ID, "name");
```

- Class ID identifies a class uniquely
- Must initialize before creating any objects of this type

Adding A Logging Event

C

```
static int USER_EVENT;
```

```
PetscLogEventRegister(&USER_EVENT, "name", CLS_ID);
```

```
PetscLogEventBegin(USER_EVENT, 0, 0, 0, 0);
```

```
/* Code to Monitor */
```

```
PetscLogFlops(user_event_flops);
```

```
PetscLogEventEnd(USER_EVENT, 0, 0, 0, 0);
```

Adding A Logging Event

Python

```
with PETSc.logEvent('Reconstruction') as recEvent:  
    # All operations are timed in recEvent  
    reconstruct(sol)  
    # Flops are logged to recEvent  
    PETSc.Log.logFlops(user_event_flops)
```


Adding A Logging Stage

C

```
int stageNum;  
  
PetscLogStageRegister(&stageNum, "name");  
PetscLogStagePush(stageNum);  
  
/* Code to Monitor */  
  
PetscLogStagePop();
```



PETSc: Hands-on exercises

- **Instructions:**
<http://www.mcs.anl.gov/petsc/petsc-3.6-atpesc2015/tutorials/HandsOnExercise.html>
- **Examples:**
 - Linear Poisson equation on a 2D grid
 - `src/ksp/ksp/examples/tutorials/ex50.c`
 - Nonlinear ODE arising from a time-dependent 1-dimensional PDE
 - `src/ts/examples/tutorials/ex2.c`
 - Nonlinear PDE on a structured grid
 - `src/snes/examples/tutorials/ex19.c`
 - Linear Stokes-type PDE on a structured grid
 - `src/ksp/ksp/examples/tutorials/ex42.c`
 - Nonlinear time-dependent PDE on an unstructured grid
 - `src/ts/examples/tutorials/ex11.c`
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